

# Seaforth Parent Advisory Council

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Now that March has arrived, it is a good time to check in and see how those New Year resolutions are coming along. If volunteering was on your list, there will be plenty of opportunities coming up in the next few months.



Spirit Day and Sports Day will require many hands and are very fun to be involved with. Hot lunch days run every Tuesday and are another great way to sign up for good times.

## Donations

We have some fantastic parents at Seaforth that continue to make great contributions to our school!

One very special parent was able to secure a donation for a very large quantity of Jelly Belly's recently. You may have been wondering where all the Jelly Belly boxes came from? Thank you so much for putting a smile on all our students faces.



The Seaforth PAC always appreciates any contributions to our school. Please contact Cheryl Healey [chair@seaforthpac.net](mailto:chair@seaforthpac.net) if you would like to make a purchase for our school or are able offer any donations.



A kiosk will be set up in the courtyard on Thursday **March 5<sup>th</sup>** at **3pm** with different sized sample shirts available to try on. We will also be accepting order forms and will have the winning design on display. Thank you to all the students who participated in our Pink Shirt Day design contest!

**T-shirt order forms and payment are due by Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>**

## SEAFORTH SPIRIT DAY

**APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> 2015**



We are now into our final week of accepting workshop hosts for this year's Seaforth Spirit Day. Thank you to the volunteers who are able to help out.

Your Spirit Day team has been hard at work bringing an exciting new assortment of workshops along with a few well known favorites. The Spirit Day catalogue will be available soon. Be sure to have your child fill in the sign up forms as soon as they are distributed.

**April 24<sup>th</sup>** will be a very busy day at our school our students are going to need your help.

The primary students will need to be escorted to their workshops, attendance for each session needs to be brought back to "command central" and many of our workshop host will need a few assistants.

Volunteers will be needed after school on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to help set up classrooms by moving desks, bringing in tables and supplies.

There will be a sign up sheet for volunteers on Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Pink Shirt Day kiosk and at the office or you can contact our Spirit Day our co-ordinator:

**Marita Maas** : [marita.maas@gmail.com](mailto:marita.maas@gmail.com)



## THE SEAFORTH HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Ordering for the next session of hot lunch will be available starting **March 6<sup>th</sup>**. Remember to have your orders in and paid for by **March 23<sup>rd</sup>** to receive hot lunch on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

If your child is absent on hot lunch days and you would like to have their order set aside. Please notify our hot lunch coordinators or the office before 12pm on Tuesdays. If you have any questions regarding the hot lunch program, please contact Cheryl Healey [chair@seaforthpac.net](mailto:chair@seaforthpac.net)

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## 2015 Seaforth Parent Advisory Council Scholarship



The Seaforth PAC is proud to be offering a \$250 scholarship available to Seaforth Grade 12 alumni attending Burnaby Mountain Secondary or Cariboo Hill Secondary School. The focus of the scholarship is leadership in the community. Please contact Cheryl Healey [chair@seaforthpac.net](mailto:chair@seaforthpac.net) for more information. Application deadline is April 3, 2015.

## Thrilling Thursdays



Our Next Thrilling Thursday will be on **March 26th** with Lubna Dalupang leading Zumba for students in Kindergarten and Grade Two. Thank you, Cheryl Tong for organizing our Thrilling Thursdays.

## CPF Canadian Parents for French

CPF Burnaby is pleased to bring you two free public screenings! The films are appropriate for students of all ages. Elementary students should be accompanied by an adult.

Dates and Locations: **Mar. 9** (Monday) McGill Library, Burnaby Heights. **6:45-8:00 pm** Program 2

**Mar. 16** (Monday) Tommy Douglas Library, Edmonds. **6:45-8:00 pm** Program 3

Your Burnaby CPF has been working with Burnaby Parks and Recreation to once again offer our very popular French Summer Camp. Spaces fill up quickly so be sure to sign up soon.



**Registration for most Spring & Summer programs starts March 4, 2015**



Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our last PAC general meeting February 18<sup>th</sup>.

There was a motion made and approved to use a portion of our gaming fund towards bringing in two authors for our students.

**Michael Kusugak**, Inuit Storyteller and author of [A Promise is a Promise, Hide and Sneak and Northern Lights, The Soccer Trails.](#)

February 27<sup>th</sup>

**Susin Nielsen** a children's author from Vancouver. Her books include [Word Nerd, Dear George Clooney, Please Marry My Mom and The Reluctant Journal of Henry K. Larsen.](#)

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

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*Your Seaforth PAC is proud support  
our school Planning Council Goal  
focusing on student writing.*

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Your next PAC general meeting is April 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm in the library. Childcare and light refreshments will be provided.

I hope all of you have a wonderful Spring Break enjoying time with friends and family. We will see you back at school on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Healey  
PAC Chairperson  
École Seaforth Elementary School

## Seaforth Parent Advisory Council

### General Meeting Agenda

January 21, 2015

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1. Welcome and Introductions

- Intro from Lisa Buysse as Cheryl was absent

2. Report from the Chairperson

### Chairperson Report

January 21, 2015

Anything is possible when we work together for a common goal. We are very fortunate here at Seaforth to have a fantastic family of parents, students and teachers who all work together to help shape the lives of our children. The positive example of teamwork is a legacy Seaforth has continually displayed and I encourage you to come be a part of this legacy by joining us for some of our upcoming events.

Spirit Day is an amazing example of this unity. Mark your calendar for Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> 2015. Only on this day will you be able to find such an eclectic group of people. Spread the word, we are looking for workshop presenters on a variety of topics and we will need many parent volunteers to make this day special. If you have knowledge to share we want to hear from you.

Our Zumba family fun night is also coming up on Friday January 23rd and I am looking forward to seeing many of our students and family members join us for the evening.

The Winter Session of the Hot Lunch Program started this week thanks to the continued support of two very special parents Adrienne Dall'Antonia and Meishan Cheung. There have been a few changes to the program including a more flexible ordering schedule. If you miss the ordering deadline for one week, parents still have the option to place orders for the following Tuesday. As a friendly reminder lunch orders must be paid for the order to be processed.

The Seaforth Parent Advisory Council continually strives to represent all our parents and welcomes your involvement and opinions. A strong community involvement is key to our continued success.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Healey  
PAC Chairperson  
Seaforth Elementary School

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## Principals Report to PAC

21 January 2015

DIV	TEACHER	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTALS
1	Moore, Debbie								28	28
2	Lapthorne, Glen							10	17	27
3	Lucarelli, Gino							4	23	27
4	Whitney, Tasha						14	11		25
5	Mollica, Tina						12	16		28
6	Bisceglia, Teresa						12	14		26
7	Boulanger, Jennifer					19	8			27
8	March, George					17	7			24
9	Bastone, Elena				6	17				23
10	Richter, Anne Louise				18	5				23
11	Glavas, Lynda / Lundie, Carolyn			9	14					23
12	Hanson, Lorraine			8	15					23
13	May, Jaclyn			16	7					23
14	Kaga, Kathy			23						23
15	Sharples, Lorelei		12	10						22
16	Papapanagiotou, Soula		23							23
17	Robson, Kari		19							19
18	Graham, Pat		20							20
19	Tazumi, Pam	20								20
20	Hope, Stephanie	16								16
21	Gillingham, Megan	21								21
	<b>French Immersion TOTALS</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>188</b>
	<b>English TOTALS</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>303</b>

	<b>Total Students</b>	57	74	66	60	58	53	55	68	491
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**2014 / 2015****CLASS ENROLLMENT****Date: 20 January 2015**

Please see the enrolment report above.

We have had a few new students join Seaforth since the Christmas break. Our enrolment has remained stable throughout the year.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday break and got to spend some time with family and friends. It seems like it was a long time ago as we have settled back into routines here and seem to be as busy as ever.

I am pleased to report that we have had our Public Health Nurse give Epi pen presentations to the entire school since we have returned from the break. On January 9<sup>th</sup> Wendy Markin came and gave a talk/demo to our students. We had classes attend with their buddy classes so the older students were paired with the younger ones to help with the explanation. We also had some of our older students who have Epi pens there to show the carrying cases they use for theirs, how they wear them, etc. We made it a very practical session. We were very thankful to Ms. Markin for arranging this for us and giving her time. All staff were in attendance for a session as well including the Noon Hour Supervisors and Office Staff.

Basketball for our grade 6 and 7 students is in full swing. Practices have begun and a few teams have already had some games. Thanks to Mr. Lapthorne, Mrs. Moore and Mr. Ewert for coaching our teams this season.

Along with Basketball, our very popular Streetheart Classic is coming up for those Grade 7 students who are on the school Basketball teams. It gives them an opportunity to get in a little more practice and some extra competition. It ends with an opportunity for others to watch the finals. It is always a very exciting final match.

Staff had a great professional development this past week. We spent the day exploring Executive Functioning Skills and how these can affect students' abilities to learn. If you are interested in learning more about the topic, I would encourage you to Google *Michelle Garcia Winner*. Lots of very interesting stuff out there on the topic.

Carnaval preparations are underway for next week. January 26 – 30 will see our students taking part in a variety of French Carnaval themed activities including our kick off assembly on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Our School Visit is happening this Monday. We will be having a visiting team consisting of a few administrators from the district and a school trustee as well as most of the members from our School Planning Council and a few teachers from the school. My hope is that it will be a very positive conversation focused around the supports that we have in place for our students. This is the direction the school visits have been taking in the District the past few years and they have been very worthwhile. Our goal is Student Writing so we will be focused



on the various ways we have been working to improve student writing. I will let PAC know how the visit went at the next PAC meeting.

My continued thanks to all the parents who volunteer in the school to help make the wonderful activities possible. Prior to Christmas, the Jingle Bell Walk and Santa Breakfast were supported by so many parents and community partners that it just showcases what wonderful support our school has in the community. Our thanks to everyone for their support in both of those HUGE events.

Upcoming Dates:

- ✓ 27 January – YPC #2
- ✓ 26 – 30 January – Carnaval
- ✓ 3 – 12 February - FSA Testing – Grades 4 and 7
- ✓ 2 – 13 February – Streetheart Classic at lunchtime
- ✓ 6 February – French Film Fest at Metrotown
- ✓ 20 February – District Pro D Day
- ✓ 23 February – 6 March – Tennis Lessons
- ✓ 2 – 5 March – Primary Days of Music
- ✓ 9 – 20 March – Spring Break
- ✓ 30 March – 2<sup>nd</sup> Term Reports go home

3. Approval of November 19<sup>th</sup> 2014 General Meeting Minutes

- Leslie approved the minutes and they were seconded by Penny

4. Upcoming Events:

a) Zumba

- Jan.23
- Tickets are still available please contact Lisa

b) Spirit Day

- Numerous parent volunteers are needed
- April 24, 2015
- Looking for parents for Parking, food, treasurer, speaker recruitment, volunteer coordinator, etc

c) Family Social

- Looking for ideas and a parent volunteer to lead the organization of this event
- Previous ideas were; western night, spa night, wine and cheese
- Largest fundraiser of the year and necessary for numerous PAC programs

d) Pink Shirt Day

- To be celebrated on its original date in April. The school will be celebrating Family month in February.
- Researching pink t-shirts for the students with a possible design contest

## 5. Treasurer Report

- Successful year so far with a surplus of funds from the budgeted amounts in Hot Lunch and Art cards.
- Donations were lower this year

## 6. Committee Updates:

### a) Grade 7 French Trip

- Pub night planned for Feb – please see grade seven French classes for tickets
- Clothing drive planned for April
- Funds required to pay TOC costs

### b) Grade 7 Grad

- Still in the planning stages with some more fundraising in the works

### c) Hot Lunch

- Concerns about certain menus are being addressed
- More vegetarian choices were requested

### d) Crosswalk

- There is now some presence on the cross walk
- It is never safe or acceptable to park in the no stopping zones or in the staff parking lot.
- Speed is an issue and parents are asked to respect the traffic cones.
- The crossing guard will only be successful if parents also respect their signals.
- The bylaw officer has ticketed and will be back to enforce traffic laws

### e) CPF

- French film screening February 6<sup>th</sup> at Cineplex

### f) DPAC

- Much discussion on the new policy where the district has introduced a 0.2 teacher training position to address diversity in family structures

### g) School Planning Council

- Visit planned for Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> and our school's goal is based on writing improvement

## 7. Seaforth Scholarship

- \$250 each for Cariboo and Burnaby Mountain.
- Criteria is based on grades and leadership

## 8. New Business